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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>		<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/057,757		TANAKA ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>		<b>Art Unit</b>	
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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 April 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 3-5, 12 and 15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1, 2, 6-11, 13, 14 and 16 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3-5, 12 and 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                   | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)             |
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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Response to Amendment***

1. Applicant amends all independent claims 3, 5, and 12 to overcome the applied reference and particularly point out the invention.
2. Amendment for claim 5 has been accepted and the Examiner 112 antecedent basis rejection has been withdrawn.

***Response to Arguments***

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 3-5, 12, and 15 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.
4. Claims 1-2, 6-11, 13-14, and 16 are previously withdrawn or non-elected.
5. Claims 3-5, 12, and 15 are presented for examination.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claim 3-5, 12, and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Harrison USPN 5,870,468.

Regarding claims 3, 5, 12, and 15, Harrison discloses a method/system/computer program for use in making an information processing system carry out the jobs:

reading an original version of management information (col. 4 lines 1-4 and col. 2 lines 2-9; *non scrambled key stored in the memory is read*) and a first and a second encrypted version of the management information out of the data storage to be verified (col. 4 lines 55-col. 5 lines 5; *reading and original key, encrypted first key = U1, and encrypted second key = U2*);

decrypting the first and the second encrypted version of the management information the first and the second encrypted versions of the management information system being encrypted by different encryption key (col. 3 lines 41-52 and col. 4 lines 55-col. 5 lines 5; *unscrambling first key U1 to produce unscrambled first key = S1, and unscrambling second key U2 to produce unscrambled second key S2*);

comparing the read original version of the management information and the respective first and second decrypted management information (col. 5 line 5 and claim 8 element g; *comparing original version Key with decrypted first and second keys*); and

validating the verified data storage when the comparison result indicates that the read original version of the management information and both of the respective first and second decrypted management information are in a predetermined relationship with each other (claim 8 element h, claim 2 element 26, and col. 1 lines 52-col. 2 lines 32; *if match occurs key is validated and decryption access is performed*).

Regarding claim 4, Harrison further discloses wherein the encrypted version of the management information is encrypted with an encryption scheme using secret key information and the

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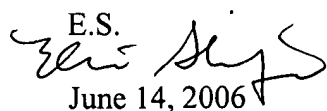
decryption is performed with that secret key information (fig. 1 element 11 and col. 3 lines 16-53).

*Conclusion*

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eleni A. Shiferaw whose telephone number is 571-272-3867. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:00am-5:00pm.

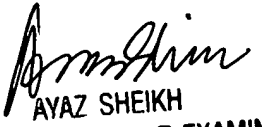
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz R. Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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